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SUBJECT: REMARKS BY PETER SHORE, UK SECRETARY OF STATE
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1. AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY TABOR
ON APRIL 18, VISITING UK CABINET MINISTER, PETER SHORE,
GAVE INTERESTING RESPONSE TO MR. TABOR'S TOAST WELCOMING
HIM TO WASHINGTON.

2. SHORE NOTED HE WAS HAPPY TO BE FIRST MEMBER OF NEW
CABINET TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND THAT AS SUCH HE WAS HERE TO
TALK ABOUT THOSE GREAT ISSUES WHERE US AND UK SHARE COMMON
RESPONSIBILITY AND POSITIONS NOT REPEAT NOT ABOUT INSIGNI-
FICANT DIFFERENCES WHICH DIVIDE US. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT
BRITAIN WAS EXAMINING HARD QUESTIONS OF WHAT IT WAS, WHAT
ITS ROLE WAS TO BE AND WHERE IT WAS GOING. ANSWERS TO
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THESE QUESTIONS ARE FAR FROM BEING IN, AS YET, BUT BRITAIN

WAS INVOLVED IN THE WORLD--ALTHOUGH LESS ABLE THAN BEFORE
TO INFLUENCE WORLD EVENTS--AND NOT REPEAT NOT MERELY IN-
TERESTED IN THE "WESTERN CORNER OF ONE CONTINENT."

3. IN HIS MIND, SHORE CONTINUED, BRITAIN WAS MOST DEEPLY
INVOLVED WITH THE ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY OF NATIONS
AROUND THE GLOBE. BUT, HE EMPHASIZED, OUR COMMON RESPONSI-
BILITY AND INVOLVEMENT COULD NOT BE LIMITED EVEN TO THIS
GROUPING BUT MUST EXTEND TO ALL CONTINENTS. KISSINGER

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